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Can You Help Headquarters?

Paint, painters, and carpenters are needed to fix up the new District Headquarters of the Communist Party at 121 Haight street in San Francisco. Workers who can donate paint, or who can volunteer to work should report at that address any time during the day.

If anyone has a desk, or two desks, that can be donated just let us know and we'll come after them.

Banquets are also needed. Watch for Announcements of Housewarming Party.

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Let Labor Show Its Strength By Recall Of Governor Merriam

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NAZI BUTCHERS BEHEAD LEADER OF RED FRONT

HAMBURG, Germany, June 6.—Comrade Fritz Fiete-Schulze, leader of the German workers' Red Front Fighting League, which was outlawed and disarmed before Hitler came to power, was beheaded today for the "crime" of organizing and leading it. That organization, as well as the similar Socialist led fighting front, was chiefly a defense movement against the attacks of Hitler's Storm Troopers.

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Herndon Faces 20-Year Chain Gang Sentence

NEW YORK, June 6.—Comrade Angelo Herndon, leader of the unemployed of Atlanta, Georgia, will be sent back on July 3 to the chain-gang to begin his sentence of 20 years, if workers do not flood the U.S. Supreme Court with demands that they grant a rehearing on his appeal. He was arrested and sentenced for the "crime" of organizing both black and white workers into the unemployed councils. An old slave revolt law, dating before the Civil War, was invoked by Southern bosses to railroad Herndon.

LUMBER STRIKE COVERS ENTIRE PACIFIC COAST

CALIF. CARPENTERS AND JOINERS WALK OUT FOR WAGE RAISE

Muir Sell-out Stopped

RANK AND FILE MOVE IN NORTHWEST TO KEEP MILLS CLOSED

ONE-MAN CAR HEARING SET FOR JULY 15

LABOR FAKERS AVOID ANY MILITANT ACTION

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—California lumber workers from here to Los Angeles are walking out for demands of 90¢ an hour, 40-hour week, and union recognition. 250 men walked out today in the Pacific Manufacturing Company's plant in Santa Clara. This outfit, largest saw and door corporation in California is notoriously open shop. Strikers from the struck yards and mills in Oakland and San Francisco are helping on the picket lines in Santa Clara.

The men in the South San Francisco Lumber and Supply Company in San Mateo County walked out today.

1200 Wood Workers Out

Fifteen fixture, showcase, and cabinet factories have been struck in Los Angeles. The workers demand \$1 an hour.

Practically every mill in the Bay Area is closed; and in Los Angeles 1200 wood workers are out as the new strikes join the several weeks old walkout of L. A. Furniture Workers.

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San Francisco will be one of the places included in his itinerary.

To Put Militant On Relief Board

MRS. PURDY NOMINATED TO FILL VACANCY ON COMMITTEE

Has Led Struggles

WOULD GO FAR TO CHECK PRESENT ABUSES IN GIVING RELIEF

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—Mrs. C. L. Purdy, unemployed leader, has been nominated by the Public Works Unemployed League to fill the vacancy made by resignation of John Treanor from the Citizens' Relief Committee.

The vacancy has not yet been filled and all locals should send a resolution and a delegation to 741 S. Flower street and demand that Mrs. Purdy be seated on the committee. Relief clients should follow this up with telephone calls and postcard demands.

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Chief of Police Suffering from Hallucinations

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—Facing court action for manipulating promotions in the Police Department to suit his personal interests, Chief William J. Quinn today mouthed the vicious nonsense that adjustments in his staff were incidental to suppressing a Communist revolution in San Francisco last year.

This absurd piece of bombast was enthusiastically taken up by the kept press and used to swell the "red scare" caterwauling which followed the ousting of the vicious labor cheat, Paul Scharenberg out of the Sailors' Union.

ANTI-RED BILL BEATEN, OTHER STILL PENDING

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Indigent Bill Up

MEASURE WOULD ERECT CHINESE WALL AROUND CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 7.—Assembly Bill 20, which would have made it a crime to even be present at a meeting at which changes in the form of government were advocated, was defeated by a vote of 42 to 25. The bill was referred to the judiciary committee by this vote, which means that it is dead for this session of the legislature.

* Assembly Bill 106.

The other red-baiting bill, Assembly Bill 106, which would kick out all school teachers with liberal opinions, and bar schools from workers' organizations, is before the Senate. Widespread opposition can defeat the only one of the antilabor bills that has managed to survive so far.

The indigent bill, which would bar all the wealthy from entering California, is also before the Senate. If passed, it will throw a Chinese Wall about the state, and if widely copied in other states, would result in compelling workers to remain in the state they now inhabit. The Senate judiciary committee recommended its passage.

* Taxation Mess.

The budget and taxation mess continues, with the legislators anxious to end their labors. They are paid a salary of so much per day, up to a certain amount. This amount has been reached, and they can earn no more. As they do not want to give away their time for nothing, their sole idea is to wind up business and get home as soon as possible.

The legislature had no difficulty agreeing to increase the vicious sales tax to 3%, but can't agree on a vehicle tax supposed to produce \$18,000,000, which would be lost to the local governments. Another fight has developed over the income tax. The Assembly has proposed a rate one-third that of the Federal government tax, but the Senate is demanding a one-quarter rate. Even this is regarded by Merriam as too high, and his tools have asked for reconsideration. Merriam's tenderheartedness for the rich is the more remarkable because he has at the same time claimed that the \$15,000,000 tax measures originally proposed would produce less than estimates, and additional taxes are needed.

* How About Jackson?

He did not mention, however, that in the case of the framed Jackson miners, the A. F. of L. provided such weak defense that one of the men is already in San Quentin and another, James Workman, who goes on trial June 11, has turned his case over to the International Labor Defense rather than risk a similar railroading.

* Three Killed at Demonstration of Italian Farmers

ROME, Italy, June 7.—Three persons were killed and twelve wounded when police fired on a demonstration protesting against the commissioners appointed to investigate activities of agricultural cooperatives around the Cape of Leuca. Activities of the cooperatives are looked upon with disfavor by the fascist government, which is backing the farmers, and middle men who want complete control of the farming field.

WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS SERVE ULTIMATUM TO UNIONS

SHOW DOWN LOOMS

FURUSETH TAKES STAND WITH EMPLOYERS AND SCHARENBERG

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Alarmed by the expulsion of one of their agents, Paul Scharenberg, by the rank and file of the Sailors' Union, waterfront employers have opened a barrage of propaganda against the maritime unions unequalled since the General Strike.

Further indications that this is the beginning of a drive by maritime workers to rid their unions of all employers' agents and misleaders, have resulted in a threat by the Waterfront Employers Association that it may break off relations with the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 3879.

* Furuseth With Employers.

Andrew Furuseth, notorious boss ready and President of the International Seamen's Union, responded from Washington with a veiled threat to withdraw the charter of the San Francisco Local for ousting the faker.

Scharenberg and the rest of the reactionary machine in the Central Labor Council have openly announced intention of opposing the expulsion by appeal to the executive committee of the International Seamen's Union, in spite of the fact that the ouster was supported by an overwhelming vote of 153 to 14.

* The Kept Press.

San Francisco capitalist papers (the Chronicle, Examiner and the Call-Bulletin) official mouthpieces of the employers, are waging an (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6.)

HELP YOUR PAPER GET NRA FACTS

The NRA is officially dead. The WESTERN WORKERS wants accurate information on the results of its withdrawal from the scene.

At least 1000 factories, stores, farms and so forth should be checked on immediately as to any changes in:

- 1—Working hours,
- 2—Wages,
- 3—Prices,
- 4—Speed-up, and
- 5—Lay-offs.

Readers of the WESTERN WORKER, throughout the West, are asked to get definite information on those five points in their local plants. Don't guess; find out. It doesn't have to be a long report, just so it tells the facts.

Each Party Unit in the District should discuss this question and take upon itself the job of checking up on one plant in its territory and finding out these facts. Then send them in.

Begin immediately and get your first report in within no more than two weeks.

Did the end of the NRA signal the raising or lowering of wages in the factory? The prices? Was there hiring or firing? Was the working day lengthened or shortened?

THOUSANDS WAIT HOURS WHEN RELIEF CHECKS DON'T SHOW UP

Red Tape Causes Hundreds to Go Hungry As Relief Heads Experiment On Ways to Check Up on Relief Lists

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6.—3000 persons have had to wait in line for hours yesterday trying to get over-due relief checks at 450 Mission street. The whole business, which means hunger for thousands of people who have to live on the meager relief checks, is due to the most incompetent, bureaucratic procedure.

For fear that someone might get two cents more than was coming to him, a new system

Struggle Ties Up Fishing In California and Oregon Ports

THREE FISHERMEN'S UNIONS LEAD 1,500 IN COAST-WIDE STRIKE AGAINST PRICE CUT

Packers' Attempt to Reduce Prices By Half Met By General Walkout in Two States; Struggle in Third Week

By a Fisherman.

EUREKA, Calif., June 6.—This is the 19th day since the fishermen tied up here on strike. Packers reduced the price from 12c for large salmon and 8c for small, down to a straight price of 8c.

Salmon fishermen then had a meeting and decided to ask for 8c and 10c. Saturday, May 25, the packers then posted a price of 5c and 8c all cleaned fish, no round fish received. This last posted price cuts the price of cleaned fish 6c below first price paid for large fish.

Monterey, Fort Bragg, Crescent City, and all ports on the Oregon Coast are out on strike. Total price cuts: This coast-wide strike involves around 1,500 fishermen.

This strike is led by 3 unions: the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union, the Fish Cannery Workers Industrial Union, and the Trolling Vessel Owners Association.

Seattle Trolling Vessel Owners Association men are fishing on a cooperative plan. We can't get much information on this cooperative plan.

If we fishermen all stick together as well as we have up to now we will have no trouble getting a fair price. All fishermen remember the year 1932, when so many of us were forced on court relief. Solidarity will win our demands.

DEADLINE JUNE 16 FOR STRIKE IN COAL MINES

U.M.W.A. OFFICIALS ISSUE CALL TO 400,000 MINERS

WASHINGON, D. C., June 6.—Orders to strike at midnight, June 16, unless countermanding orders are received, have been sent to 300,000 coal miners in six thousand local unions of the United Mine Workers of America in twenty-eight states by the national officials. The present contract, under which the miners are working, expires at that date. It was signed more than a year ago under the NRA, providing for the 35-hour week, \$5 a day scale and the open shop. It kept the miners' wages at the same level while cost of living went up least 25 per cent, permitted the mineowners to blacklist militant workers, and offered no resource against the terrible speedup.

The miners, through their local unions, have gone on record for the \$6 a day scale, 30-hour week and the closed shop.

John L. Lewis, president of the union, who enforced the "true" which extended the unsatisfactory agreement to June 16 to demands only a scale of \$5.50. His main concern is securing passage of the Guffey Coal Bill to create a little NRA for the industry. The mine owners are also heartily in favor of this bill; and the New York Herald Tribune has quoted Lewis as being of the opinion it would stop the strike.

Kelso Criminal Syndicalism Case Postponed to Fall

DEFENSE BEGINS FIGHT FOR DISMISSAL

KELSO, Wash., June 6.—The trial of Art Pisila on charges of Criminal Syndicalism has been postponed until some time next fall.

Max Farrar and Pisila were judged during the raids on workers' homes and halls last summer during the maritime strike and charged with C. S., the first cases in this state in 12 years.

Prosecuting Attorney Shirley Marsh tried to confine the case to piling boxes full of literature seized in raids. But the International Labor Defense through its attorney, Irvin Goodman, forced from a former prosecutor the admission the real cause of the raids was the maritime strike. A jury, on which two striking lumber workers sat, recently acquitted Farrar.

A wide mass campaign has been conducted among labor and sympathetic groups throughout the Northwest, and the ILD calls for a more intense activity to force dismissal of the case against Pisila.

L.A. Cops Keep Themselves Busy Finding Arsenal

RED SQUAD MANAGES TO FIND "PLOTS" EVERY SO OFTEN

LOS ANGELES, June 2.—When patrolman A. J. Jensen discovered two loaded revolvers and four saps concealed in a clump of shrubbery at Pershing Square yesterday,—or so he declares—police immediately announced that this was part of a Communist arsenal to be used in the United Youth Day demonstration.

* Violence Nonsense.

Said the Times in reporting the "finding": "An outbreak of serious violence was narrowly averted when police frustrated attempts of Communists to parade and demonstrate in Pershing Square on Memorial Day."

According to Capt. Justin the two revolvers and four saps "were to have been used by Communist youths in the event the police had been compelled to use force in preventing the scheduled demonstration."

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The "force" lined up against the "Communist Youths" and their arsenal of two revolvers and four saps, I conclude about 100 uniformed Los Angeles plainclothesmen, together with the entire red squad. The police were armed with tear gas bombs, nightsticks, high-powered pistols and sawedoff shotguns.

No doubt Red Hynes will put the two revolvers and four saps away and bring them out again when, in his opinion, the occasion requires it. This "arsenal" has been periodically making its appearance every six months or so in connection with "Communist plots."

Attorneys conducting the questioning of witnesses will include Grover Johnson, A. L. Wirin, Mary Bernstein, J. Alan Frankel and others.

Admission is 10 cents.

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DANCE OF THE UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE

Don't forget the Dance of the Committee on June 8th at Eagles Hall. There will be good music, a short program, and refreshments with prices and all that goes with having a good time while furthering the cause. I suppose I must not forget to add that beer will be on tap all the time.

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FACKERS THREATEN SAN DIEGO RANK AND FILE PUBLICATION

"Trade Union News" Worries Burocrats By Showing Up Double-Crossing of Labor Misleaders

SAN DIEGO, June 7.—Trade Union News, organ of the rank and file trade unionists of San Diego, has answered the recent sour-noted trumpetings of reactionaries in the Federated Trades and Labor Council, and on the staff of the Labor Leader, in its issue of June 1. It throws the spotlight on the bureaucrats who are shouting "Reds" in an attempt to cover up their own collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and other so-called friends of labor.

The exposures printed in Trade Union News have caused the fat boys to threaten to go to the District Attorney for help in prosecuting its editors. An example of what the fakers are afraid of was the uncovering of the now notorious double-dealing of Bro. Otto Heitman "Union Label" Story.

The only way to do away with this is to organize and to overthrow these slave drivers.

* Expose Double-Dealing.

Brother Heitman is a particular hotshot in the Federated Trades Council as well as a former representative of the defunct NRA. He ordered a suit of clothes from an open shop tailor and then sewed a union label on it. Because the Trade Union News exposed him, he is out for its scalp with the help of the District Attorney.

As an answer to the threats of these reactionaries to prosecute its editors, the rank and file bulletin states in an editorial: "Those frightened labor politicians do not speak for labor when they attack TRADE UNION NEWS. They speak only for themselves. The rank and file trade unionists are supporting this paper and our circulation lists are growing. Our answer to these fakers will be to issue within a short time, TRADE UNION NEWS as a weekly paper."

* Growing Rapidly.

The bulletin has been appearing regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month. The present issue is No. 7. From four pages, it has grown to six, and soon will require eight pages for its wealth of rank and file material.

* It has exposed the Fascist leaders in San Diego, as well as the most violent and dangerous of the Open Shoppers.

* It has inexorably pursued a line of exposure of all AFL

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

Rooms for one or more students for District Training School—June 1 to July 1. Register available rooms at 37 Grove St. or 463 Hayes St.

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Anita Whitney.

JACKSON, AMADOR COUNTY

June 2, 1935.

The strike of the miners is still going on in spite of Vigilante terror and the ruthless neglect of the A. F. of L. with which the miner's union is affiliated. The case of James Workman, out on \$2000 bail furnished by the I. L. D. will be held this month with defense furnished by the I. L. D. Conditions in the Amador County jail are horrible and Workman lost forty pounds during his three months incarceration there. After he had been taken to jail the police claimed to have found a gun in his car about which Workman had no knowledge but he is charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Two other miners still held in jail have sent word to the I. L. D. asking to take up their cases. Phil Castaneda, one of the two, has never had a hearing and does not know what the charges are against him though he has been in jail since February 13th. The other man, Mike Lopez, is a foreigner and a very ill man and without any medical attention. He too is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

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Brentwood Cherry Pickers Get Pay According to Race

By a Worker Correspondent

BRENTWOOD, Calif., June 3—Cherry pickers here get 35 cents an hour if they are Jugo-Slavs and work for the Jugo-Slav fruit buyers. If they are other nationalities they get only 30 cents an hour.

The Jugo-Slav bosses don't do this because they like their own nationality better, but because they think it will help them keep the workers divided with the Jugo-Slav workers on their side. Any Jugo-Slav workers who quit their job before it is finished get only as much as the other nationalities, 30 cents an hour.

* Fighting Program.

The following is the program for which TRADE UNION NEWS and the rank and file AFL members are fighting for in San Diego.

1. For a delegated conference to unionize San Diego, with elected representatives from every local Committee to meet regularly and to work out plans to strengthen present locals and build new ones in unorganized trades.

2. For the withdrawal of the Federated Trades from the anti-labor Chamber of Commerce.

3. For a reduction of exorbitant initiation fees and dues. Especially low dues for unemployed numbers.

* Democratic Control.

4. For democratic rank and file control of our locals and for local building.

5. To close every open shop in San Diego. To assist in the struggle for better conditions on the job, shorter hours and increased pay. To support without reservation any local on strike.

6. To expose as labor's worst enemies, through publicity and other means, the local fascist leaders, the prominent open shop business men.

7. To combat those leaders in the ranks of labor who have become so corrupted by the Chamber of Commerce and other business elements that they are more interested in bettering conditions for business men than for workers.

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Newark Police Stop Workers' Play

NEWARK, New Jersey, June 7.—Fear of the effect of a real workers' play on its audience led police to raid the Ukrainian Hall here and to arresting workers during a performance of "Waiting For Letty", a play based upon the New York taxi drivers' strike. All were held without bail.

Tear Gas Used to Evict Widow

ORADELL, New Jersey, June 7.—Police used tear gas to evict Mrs. Mary Lee, a penniless widow, and her 16-year-old daughter. Mrs. Lee has been living on \$3 a week from the relief agencies. When the police came she went to an upper floor of the house and announced she would jump out if they came nearer.

Strikers Battle Police In Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 7.—A dozen strikers were injured in a clash between the police and workers on the picket lines in front of the Columbus Packing Company plant. The battle started when police drove a police car into the picker line. The strikers are demanding higher wages and a closed shop.

Chicago Milk Drivers Vote to Strike

CHICAGO, Ill., June 7.—Members of Milk Drivers' Union, Local 753, have voted 2,399 to 949 to strike for an increase of 85 over their present weekly scale and for the establishment of a five-day week with no cut in wages. Union officials are trying to stall off the strike on the claim that approval must be obtained from the Chicago Teamsters' Joint Council and from the International Brotherhood.

White Motor Strikers Win Concessions

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 7.—The 2,000 White Motor Truck strikers are back at work after laying won important concessions in their strike, which lasted a week. Union recognition and seniority rights were won, but no wage increase. Twenty-four hour mass picket lines, and rank and file control forced the concessions from the employers.

House Cuts Warship Appropriation

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—The House of Representatives balked at rubber-stamping the Naval Bill prepared by the big-army advocates and passed by the Senate. Amendments adding \$11,000,000 to the 1936 appropriations were rejected. As passed by the House, the \$460,000,000 measure provided only \$15,000,000 instead of \$30,000,000 requested for new ships. However, no change in the total of 24 ships to be built was made.

No Privilege for Five In L.A. Jail

WORKERS IMPRISONED IN UNEMPLOYED STRUGGLE DENIED OWN DOCTOR

LOS ANGELES, June 7.—Five workers, all serving sentences for their part in the struggle for cash relief for the unemployed, are held in Lincoln Heights Jail under conditions equal to those of the chain-gang, horrors of Georgia.

One, James McShane, was beaten at the time of his arrest to the permanent injury of his back, but is denied a back support prescribed by his physician. Harold Hendrick's health is failing rapidly. None of them are allowed to be examined by any except the corrupt jail physician.

Their mail is denied them; small sums of money sent them by the International Labor Defense for such "luxuries" as tobacco, etc.

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are returned to the sender. They are not permitted any kind of literature.

The ILD asks that protests, demanding removal of police chief Davis, removal of all officials of Lincoln Heights Jail and immediate abolition of discrimination against political prisoners, be sent to the county and city authorities.

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500 CHILDREN FINGERPRINTED WITH SERA AID

BOSSES RENEWING DRIVE TO GET WORKERS INTO GOVT RECORDS

HOLLYWOOD, June 5.—Financed by SERA funds, fingerprinting of children has been started in this city by the police department in cooperation with the Federal Government.

This "experiment" is in line with the drive now under way by the Washington authorities to get fingerprint records of all citizens and foreigners resident in the United States.

Scare Tactics.

The finger printing has been going on in Culver City for over a month and some five hundred school children have been recorded. The "come-on" by which the police get parents consent is to paint a harrowing picture of kidnappings and of lost and runaway children.

Following the experiment in Culver City, plans call for extending the procedure to other cities throughout the country, thus getting the identifying marks of practically all the children of the coming generation of workers.

One set of fingerprints remains with the local police department and the other goes to the Bureau of Identification at Washington, where it is available for use by the police and other agencies of local, state and national government throughout the country.

Not only can the fingerprints be used in apprehending ordinary law offenders, but, as has already been indicated, this moraine of fingerprints can and will be used against the struggles of labor.

* Protest Needed.

Extension of the voluntary "non-criminal" fingerprinting of children should be resisted by organized labor and by all organizations sympathetic to labor. Protests should be registered immediately and be lodged with Mr. Hoover, head of the Bureau of Identification at Washington; President Roosevelt and your Congressman. The next step, after conditioning parents to allow their children be fingerprinted is to coerce the parents into similar procedure.

This should indicate to workers the danger they place themselves in permitting a record to be made which the tools of the capitalist class can make use against them during labor struggles.

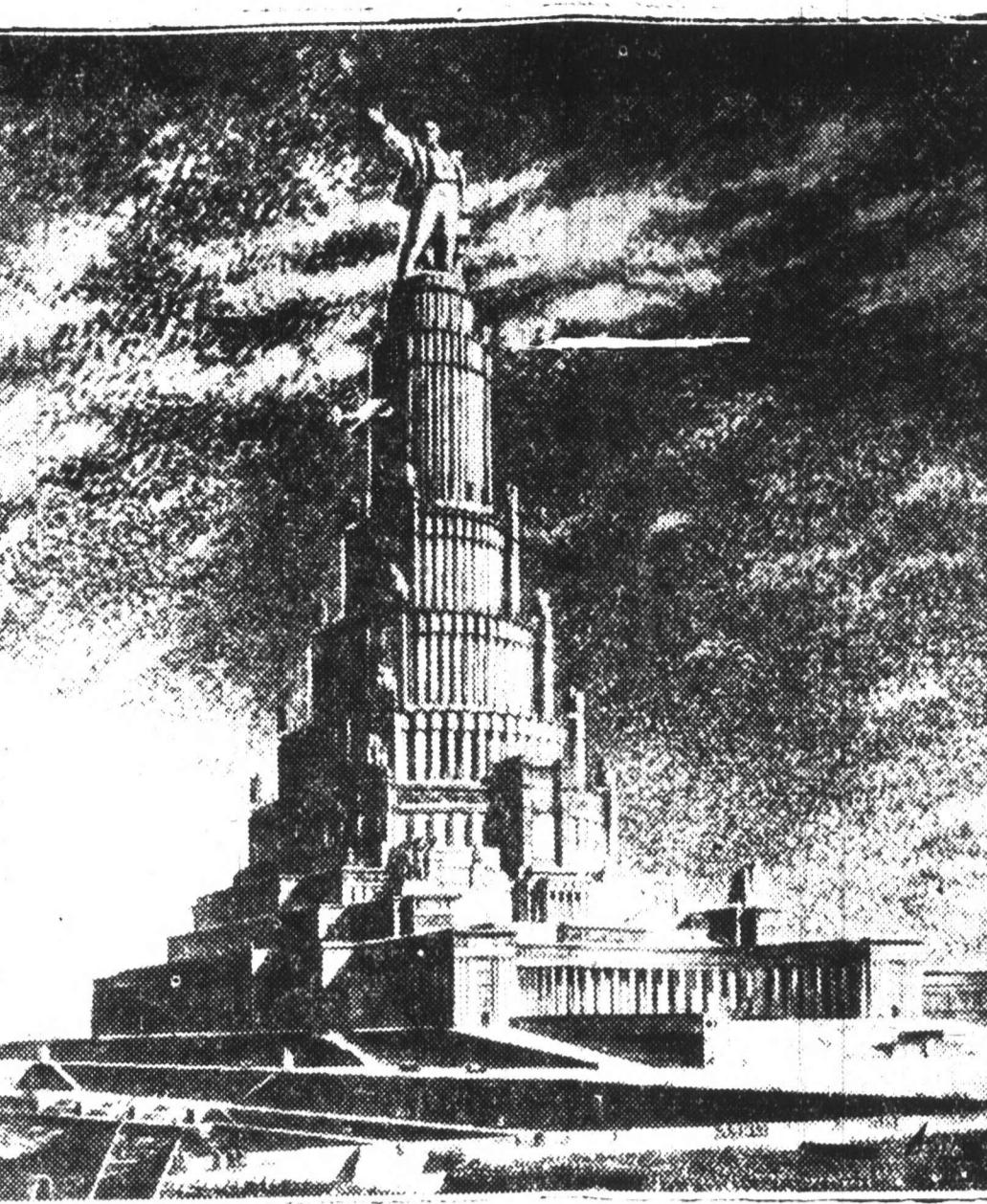
SOCIALISTS LOSE VOTES AS WORKERS FOLLOW COMMUNIST LEAD

PARIS, France, June 3.—In the first round of elections to the General Council of the Seine Department the Communists won 12 seats, three times as it had formerly, and won 11 favorable positions (riders) for the coming runoff elections. The Socialist Party won two seats, where it formerly had six, and won only five favorable positions.

The Communists won 8,000 more votes than were gained in the municipal elections of May 5—and at that time they gained 10,000. Political circles concede the rising influence of the Communist Party to its disciplined action against Fascism and the practice of the Soviet peace policy.

PARIS, June 7.—The United Front of the Communist and Socialist Parties won a sweeping victory in elections to the General Council of the Seine-et-Oise Department. In the working-class suburbs of Paris, out of 23 seats,

Plans Ready for Palace of Soviets



Above is the architect's drawing of the projected "Palace of the Soviets" to be erected in Moscow. Seventy feet higher than the Empire State Building, it will be the largest and tallest structure in the world. Soviet engineers and architects have concluded a series of consultations with the New York engineering firm of Morgan and Proctor, who helped design the San Francisco Bay Bridge, and construction is expected to start very soon. According to Proctor, the Soviet engineers and architects have dealt successfully with new problems presented by the magnitude and design of the huge Palace. A site for it is being cleared near the Moscow River.

Communists Gain In French Voting

500 Get Work from Soviet Purchases

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NEW YORK, June 7.—A \$1,250,000 contract for the purchase of oil refining equipment has been signed by Amtorg Trading Corporation, American purchasing agents for the Soviet Union. The equipment, which will be installed in a refinery being built at Ufa, near the Ural Mountains, will provide work for 400 to 500 men.

18 were won by the United Front. Of these thirteen were Communists and five Socialists.

The United Front now has 74 out of 140 seats on the Council. This is a gain of 20 over what they held prior to the elections.

Together with previous elections, the number of municipalities gained by the United Front is as follows:

Department of the Nord: 43 Communist municipalities, 24 Socialist municipalities, and 24 anti-fascist municipalities won by the United Front candidates.

Seine-et-Oise Department: 29 Communist municipalities, 14 Socialists, 15 United Front.

The Ardennes Department: 2 Communist municipalities, 4 Socialists, 3 United Front.

Heavy shipments of scrap iron, useful in munitions, are continually going from West Coast ports to Japan.

More Scrap Iron Shipped to Japan

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Must Increase Recruiting and Halt Turn Over

Rapid Political Development of Masses Should See Corresponding Growth In Ranks of the Party

By E. Hanoff.

In the last several months the tremendous possibilities which exist in our District for recruiting thousands of radicalized workers into our Party have not been utilized to the fullest extent.

Every Party member will agree that in the last few months we have contacted a much greater number of workers than ever before, in all fields, through our United Front activities. We have involved hundreds of organizations, trade unions, Democratic clubs, Epic and Utopian groups and unemployed and other mass organizations. Under our leadership, tens of thousands of workers have fought for unemployment insurance and for higher standards of living, for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, Against War and Fascism, etc. In these broad mass activities, it is only natural for the workers to become more and more familiarized with the fact that the Communist Party is the originator of and most devoted factor in helping make it possible for these masses of workers, farmers, intellectuals and students to demonstrate with their united power against the capitalists and their rotten, decaying system of exploitation.

* Why Slow Recruiting?

The question now arises, "Why is our recruiting in a 'normal' state at this time when the prestige and influence of our Party is growing tremendously, and when the leadership of our Party is accepted by ever larger numbers of workers?"

The answer to this question is contained in the resolution adopted by the District Committee of our Party on May 14th, by a majority right and left sectarian opportunism in our district, which resolution was sent out to all sections and units.

The resolution deals with two of the outstanding fields of our work where our comrades carried out a criminally opportunist line, and shows how this wrong line stops the Party from growing.

* The Year So Far.

Here we wish to show the complete picture of the Party growth from January 1st, 1935 up to and including the third week of May. On January 1st, we registered and gave out books for 2433 members. During January, February, March, April and the first three weeks of May, we have recruited in this District 994 new members. This should now make our entire membership 3127 members. However, on the basis of our average dues payments, we can account for only 2560 members, and of course the weekly attendance at unit meetings is even less. This means that we have increased our membership in almost five months by only 127 and in the same five months, we have lost 867 members, which is a fluctuation of about 92%. We also know that of the 867 members, the highest percentage is among members that came in long before January. This looseness exists at a time when our Party is really participating in mass activities.

* The Worst Sections.

Here we want to show some of the worst sections.

Los Angeles registered in January 1061 members, and since then has recruited 441 new members. This should give us in Los Angeles 1502 members, but instead we have 1118 members.

San Francisco registered 483 members in January and since then has recruited 188 members. This should give us 671 members, but in stead we can only find about 500 members.

East Bay Section registered in January 192 members and has since recruited 67. This should give the East Bay Section 259 members, but instead we have only 163, which means the we not only didn't grow, but lost 29 of our old members.

In Arizona we registered 47, and in the ensuing months recruited 16 which should give us

Force His Release



ANGELO HERNDON

Whose 20-year sentence to a Georgia chain-gang will mean his death if American workers don't force a reversal of the verdict. Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist Party, has issued a call to Socialists throughout the nation to join the fight for his release. The U. S. Supreme Court has just sustained his sentence on a charge of "inciting to insurrection," an old Civil War statute.

* In All Fields.

A similar wrong conception exists in the minds of most of our Party members in all our activities in all fields. Comrades refuse to realize that our major responsibility in the trade unions mass organizations and united front activities in the neighborhoods especially and amongst the shop workers is recruiting the most advanced and militant elements to the Party and building a strong mass Communist Party. This is the only guarantee that will provide uncompromising leadership in all fields to fight for the daily needs of the working class.

* Fluctuation.

The problem of fluctuation in our district is a very serious one, and must be taken up by the District Committee, Section Committees, Unit Bureaus, and by every Party member as a most urgent political and organizational question which must be solved immediately. We have tried for the last three years to solve this most important problem by making all kinds of suggestions. We have called functionaries conferences, held unit discussions, new members classes, appointed membership directors and established the squad system, etc. In spite of all these measures, today the fluctuation is as great as it ever was.

Of course, we must here frankly admit that the suggestions and plans to stop fluctuation which were sent to the sections and units were never applied to any great extend.

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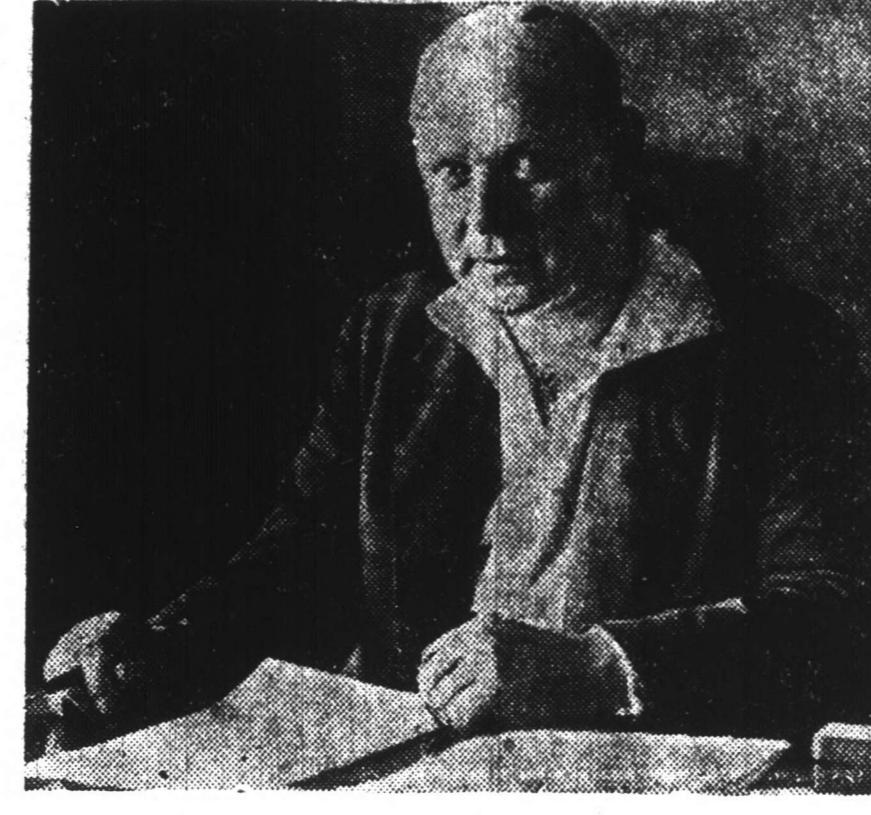
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MASS ACTION OF THE WORKERS IS ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST BOSS TERROR

A Longshoreman and a Communist



ERNST THAELMANN, NOW IN A NAZI PRISON

Leader of the German Communist Party who refused to leave his post, regardless of the Hitler terror. Hunted by an army of police, Steel Helmets, and civilians, totalling 80,000 men throughout Germany, he was finally captured, and has spent over two and a half years in prison. He was supposed to go to trial before a "People's Court" this June. In the last German election, as Communist candidate for president, the German masses gave him the largest vote ever received by a Communist candidate in that country.—5,000,000 ballots were cast for him.

A Relentless 4-Year Fight for Freedom



Since March, 1931, the nine Scottsboro boys have been held by the State of Alabama on frame-up charges of rape. The death penalty against them has been stopped on two occasions by such mass demonstrations as this. Of the nine boys, pictured in the center, two were so

Mooney Lauds Scharrenberg Ousting



BOB MINOR

Militant labor leader who was kidnapped and slugged, together with Attorney David Levinson, when he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the interests of the Gallup defense. The vigilantes who beat him and left him in the desert to die have never been so much as investigated by the State or National officials.

Left to Right—Irvin Goodman, International Labor Defense Attorney of Portland, Ore.; Tom Mooney, a labor leader who couldn't be bought; and Paul Callicott, the strange man who came to California in 1932 with a remarkable account of how he, unwittingly, placed the bomb which blew up the Preparedness Day Parade,—the crime for which Mooney was framed. They are shown in conference in San Quentin. The action of the San Francisco Seamen in ousting Paul Scharrenberg, sell-out artist of A. F. of L. officialdom, won Tom's hearty commendation: "Eliminate these labor fakers," he said in message to the seamen, "And let nothing keep you from standing together in your fight."

SONS. Instead we have only 50 members.

Eureka Section registered 35, and recruited 4 more. This should give us 39 members, but instead we have 23. Here too, we lost 12 of the old members, besides four new ones.

Fresno registered 65, recruited 18 more, making a total of 83. Instead we have only 49. Here also we lost 16 old members besides the 18 new recruits.

Stockton registered 22 members and recruited 3 more. We should now have 25. Instead we have only 20.

San Jose registered 32 and recruited 4, which should give us a total of 36. Instead we can count only 19.

These are the most outstanding examples, but a similar bad situation exists in all 21 sections, with the exception of San Diego where the Party grew to some extent.

In San Diego, 65 members were registered, and 96 more recruited. This should give us a total of 161 members, but instead we have only about 105. Here too, we kept only 40 out of the 96, making a total loss of 56 members in a very short time.

We can and must check the fluctuation in our District provided we apply immediately the method that is now used by the New York District with some additions.

* Follow this Method.

1. The Party book is to be given to the new members by the unit secretary, through the endorser of the applicant.

2. All new members must attend a New Members' Class for a period of four weeks, as a compulsory Party assignment.

3. In all sections, the Organization Department is to be responsible for the supplying of instructors for these New Members Classes.

4. Every applicant should come into the Party through the same unit to which his endorser belongs.

The unit membership meeting has to approve (or disapprove) the applicant when endorsered by one or two members of the unit.

6. The endorser must be responsible for bringing new members (even if out of the territory) to the unit meeting after the approval of the application by the unit. While placing the responsibility on the endorser, each unit is to make sure to reach the new members in such cases where the endorser may not attend a unit meeting for one or another rea-

son, such as sickness, union activity, etc. The unit can do this by assigning a comrade to notify, and invite the new applicants to the unit meeting.

7. The unit is to get the book not later than one week after turning in the application to the section.

8. Units are required to secure from the new members a receipt for their membership books. This receipt must be returned to the section the same week it is signed by the new comrade receiving the book.

* New Members Conferences.

In addition to the new members class, the Sections are to arrange conferences of new members who are in the party at least two months. At these conferences, the new members should be asked to exercise their opinions about the life of the Party, about the problems they are faced with, about their difficulties in adjusting themselves in the Party, what work they would prefer to do, etc.

These conferences should be permanent organized institution, and should be called periodically of all new party members who are at least two months in the Party Committee handling the application.

10. All applications gotten by comrades must be reported to their unit at the first unit meeting. The unit is to immediately inform the section of the application received, not only of those they approve, but also of their applications in the process of investigation. These reports should be given when the application is turned in and on the blank which will be attached to the application card.

11. All new members and comrades transferred into the unit should be introduced (welcomed) in a few words to the unit by the unit organizer or to the comrade making the general report for the Unit's Bureau. The introduction not last more than three minutes.

12. New Members Classes are to be organized on specified regular days for four consecutive weeks in a disciplined manner. New members, recruited after the beginning of a class, are to be assigned to the next class.

13. The new members class should give a popular explanation of Party structure with a view to helping the comrades orientate themselves in the Party and also prepare them for further work and study.

14. The Section Membership Committee should be responsible for the organization of classes by keeping a strict list of new mem-

bers coming into the Sections. It is to supply the new members class with an attendance roll and check up with the units for absences.

15. The unit secretary is to see that every new Party member attends the new members' class and is informed of time and place.

16. The District Agit-Prop Department, in conjunction with the Organization Department, should immediately work out an outline for the New Members Class, together with reading material.

* Job Action Necessary.

As in the case of the longshoremen, the seamen have maintained arbitration awards by constant job and ship action, small strike in which they blocked all efforts of the employers to pare away strike gains.

Both the longshoremen and the seamen ultimatums were served through reactionary, top crust of officials whom the employers can depend upon to serve their interests. The crux of the situation becomes the struggle of the employers to maintain (and in many instances, regain) control over the unions through the strategies of these fake officials. Opposed to this is the powerful movement for rank and file democracy, of which the Scharrenberg ousting is one manifestation.

As the waterfront employers maneuver to fall in line with the general wage cutting drive being pressed in all industries, they come squarely up against the increasing strength of the rank and file movement.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 7. Pedro Pete, reactionary official of the local I. L. A., has been appointed West Coast organizer of the union by the International officials. He has resigned his local position. New elections will be held in two months. Joe Simons is to be the San Pedro delegate to the National Convention of the I. L. A.

Charter Threatened. When the Longview strikers refused to take Muir's sell-out they were threatened with withdrawal of their charter. Union officials then called for a vote as to whether the members wished to remain in the union or not.

Naturally the workers voted 'aye', nine to one. The officials then claimed the vote endorsed the phony agreement that had started the argument and ordered the men back to work. The men said it didn't and stayed out.

The decision of the Plywood Council to restrike every mill opened by Muir's treacherous agreement stands iron-clad.

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By Terry Casey.

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The New Deal and its ballyhoo
The lullaby of Wall Street.

While Mr. Hearst is seeing red,
they're drowning in confusion.

They say their system isn't dead
—it's just an old illusion.

Oh, they're bringing back prosperity.

They've got it on a stretcher—
The NRA and XYZ lulls us to sleep.

Good night, workers,
Sit tight, good times are on the way.

Same baloney same tripe as Hitler's fascist way.
Oh, So and So's the worker's friend!

(The lullaby of Wall Street)
They say depressions always end
(The lullaby of Wall Street)

"I'll make you all a millionaire"
Say Huey Long the faker
And Father Coughlin on the air—

The Social Justice Quaker.

Oh, they got our heads awin'-min' round!

They're gonna run us goofy,
Let's turn this system upside-down.

And start our own.

Come on workers, let's fight—

Wall Street had its day

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Latest news from China (Szechuan Province) where the Red Army is sweeping all before it, brings out some interesting news on the north side of the Kuo Min Tang leaders' Society news, includes the items that Messrs. Chang Chin-Kung, Li Li-Sheh-Tsen, members of the KMT Central Executive Council left Chongming and the vicinity of the Red Army near Hankow, hundreds of miles away. No doubt their actions struggle against their fears, has earned them the right to a little relaxation among the girls of the White Russian cafes there. Mr. Wu Tsdin, also a member of the KMT, who came to this area with Messrs. Chang and Li, is making a trip to Mt. Qinci (Buddhist Temple) by himself. "Prayer," Confucius used to say, "is often the refuge of the scoundrels!"

Another item tells that "A number of capitalist recluses in North Szechuan are said to have flock-ed to Ssung to earn their living as cold diggers." Since the Red Army has gone to town, the gold mining in the cities she aint what she used to be.

Denver Workers
Supported Youth
Mass Meet, May 30

DENVER, Colo., June 6—Disregarding bad weather a large crowd of Denver workers massed in the Civic Center Youth Demonstration on May 30th. Speakers from many youth and labor organizations represented the United Youth Council for Peace Action.

A group of young workers presented a short comedy, "Mr. Moneybags at the Front" an anti-war play which was so well received that requests have been made for another performance at an indoor meet.

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"PROPAGANDISTIC PLAY" Etc.

A recent headline in a review of "Peace on Earth" brings forth the following comment from M.W.:

"Bourgeois critics do not call "Tobacco Road" a propaganda play, at the same time hurling the accusation at "Peace on Earth". Both plays, of course, are propaganda. But the message of "Peace on Earth" is more direct, more unmistakable, and what is damning in the critics' eyes, "Peace on Earth" presents a solution.

Also, why not take a point from a truly vicious magazine which still has a very lively movie section, viz.: LIBERTY Magazine. Some one there struck on the idea of printing interesting facts about the big shots connected with the making of a movie, its cost, the background of its author, etc. etc. For example: In reviewing "The Informer" how about making some personal notes? Victor McLaglen has organized a cavalry group in Hollywood, called, I believe, The Lancasters. In an interview Mr. McLaglen admitted that although part of the group's purpose was social, they meant business, too. They, he said, must submit to strict discipline and training to be ready in case of any un-American activities, or in case the "Communists go on rampage." Also, a women's contingent of this same organization has been formed, called The Lancetettes. Purpose the same.

From the same movie section (Liberty) perhaps the readers of The Western Worker would like to learn that producers still can make a little, not much, of course, but a little profit on their pictures. For instance "Roberta" the musical cream puff, cost \$750,000 to screen. Why not when the towns were estimated to run up to \$250,000 and one dainty garment alone, worn by Irene Dunne, cost \$6,000.

Movies are far more the organ of this nation than religion. How can it be otherwise? When a man or woman is tired, hungry, jobless, disconsolate, what does he want? Escape. And the quickest and easiest form of escape is the movies. And a worker in worn out, despondent mood may allow himself to be killed into believing that the silkies, corsets, dammed being waded and won in the picture, by the radially healthy hero, may perhaps be his, something, too. And when such hero overcomes (nearly always) all manner of difficulties and obstacles, can you blame the humpy workers for thinking might everything will be all right for me, too? Can you blame them for forgetting that the whole fairy tale has been concocted in the hope that he might possibly believe it? No, you can't blame him. But we must constantly keep on pointing out these shrewd housepoos movies that are presented to us as reality. We must continually show how these tissue paper lies and worlds are created purposely to make the workers satisfied with only dreams.

Let's have more movie news, reviews, analyses, criticism and less "inane slop"! Sincerely,

Robertta Evans
You're right, Robertta W. G.

To the Movie Editor,
Western Worker,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Comrade:

I wish to present the following criticism in regard to your movie column. The comments and even longer reviews that appear there all express disgust, emphatic and personal, in regard to movies current and movies in general. But simply because someone says that movie is lousy, it gripes me, it gives me a pain, does not mean that I or thousands of others who read your column will not go

to see that movie. Instead of (I quote) "damnest inane slop" why not write a few lines why it isn't good? Instead of "disgusting" why not write a few brief lines or paragraphs telling what a twisted, distorted, anti-working class, anti-realistic view point the story represents.

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FUMIGATING THE WATERFRONT

The maritime unions are free of one barnacle and can sail that much cleaner toward a decent standard of living. The ousting of "brother" Scharrenberg from the Sailors' union of the Pacific is another step in the direction of rank and file unionism and away from the suffocating domination of employers' agents.

But there are plenty more barnacles to be scraped off before the vessel is clean. Ninety per cent of the haggling, brain torture and rigamarole at the meetings of the Sailors' Union will be eliminated when they get rid of the parliamentary witchcraft of Chairman S. A. Silver. The air will be still clearer when McGovern and Larsen get the boot. Besides, Scharrenberg is apt to get lonely in the garbage can without his old cronies.

They might like to have Vandeleur with them also. Then when they get to reminiscing on how they sold out the General Strike and how they maneuvered the Central Labor Council to play into the hands of the employers, he'll come in handy.

That's a good tip for the cormorant. One of the first steps toward preventing one-man cars is to get rid of the fake union leaders who make such disgraces possible.

But there's something to watch out for here. What is the use of dumping one faker if you put another one in office to take his place?

Select a man out of your ranks. Not a fancy windbag, but a sailor. Select him for his militancy and his past record of struggle. Pick the sort of rank and file leader that will start the employers and the capitalist press raving and ranting about "Reds" and "Bolsheviks". Then you'll know you've got an honest official who won't sell you out to them.

THE AWFUL HOWLING OF MR. HEARST

You know what a cheap nasty little liar is. Well, give a rat like that a megaphone the size of a mountain and let him bellow his lies so that they can be heard around the world, and still he remains nothing but a cheap, dirty little liar. Noise can't overcome the facts.

Too many people read the capitalist press (particularly the Hearst sheets) and get a feeling of hopelessness. They think that if the public is swallowing a lot of vicious nonsense like they see printed, then what is the use of trying to do anything?

The thing is, the public is not swallowing it. The editorials in the Hearst papers are not expressions of public opinion. They are merely the pus drained off the festored brain of a badly frightened parasite. This treacherous idiocy is as disgusting to the rest of the public as it is to you.

And what better example do you need than the ousting of Scharrenberg? For months the capitalist press (with Hearst in the lead) have been howling against "the Reds on the waterfront"—"Oust the Reds,"—"Kick out the militants"—"The Reds are trying to destroy the earth"—"the rank and file leaders are Communists; drive them out."

In contrast to this, "brother" Scharrenberg and the rest of his rotten breed were always referred to with reverence. "Labor's regular leaders"—"The representatives of organized labor"—"The recognized union leaders."

They have damn good reason for "recognizing them." These are the traitors through whom they can negotiate sell-outs and beat down all struggles.

But what was the result of this campaign? Increased rank and file control and the kicking out of an arch reactionary. And the start of a campaign to systematically rid the unions of all the other misleaders so enthusiastically endorsed by the employers in their kept press.

NO DISCIPLINE SPELLS DEFEAT

There is a race of learned philosophers who like to lounge back and declare that Communism is all right, and the Communist ideas are right, but the Communist Party is too dogmatic.

They mean by this that they cannot submit themselves to the discipline of the Party, or else the Party refuses to compromise with them on some pet religious, racial or temperamental prejudice.

Just how far a loosely organized, undisciplined group, embracing vast and constantly shifting differences of opinion can get in the fight against capitalism, is well illustrated in the experience of the Epic block of legislators in Sacramento.

They had ample strength to block the reactionary budget bill which threw the burden of cost on the shoulders of labor and spared the purses of the rich. But what happened? Free to bend and sway in the breezes of their own whims and prejudices, undisciplined by a clear party line, bound by no instructions from a closely organized body, they were unable to get together.

Members of the Communist Party must adhere to the principle of democratic centralism—a principle that they understand as more important to the working class cause than any private difference of opinion of the moment. This means that in deciding an action, each member of a group has ample time to expound his views. But when a vote is taken, all members of the group abide by that decision and carry it out conscientiously.

Capitalism is no push over. It is powerful, desperate and unscrupulous. At the present time it is defending itself like a wounded bear. An undisciplined group with no uniform adherence to basic principles is helpless to tackle such a foe.

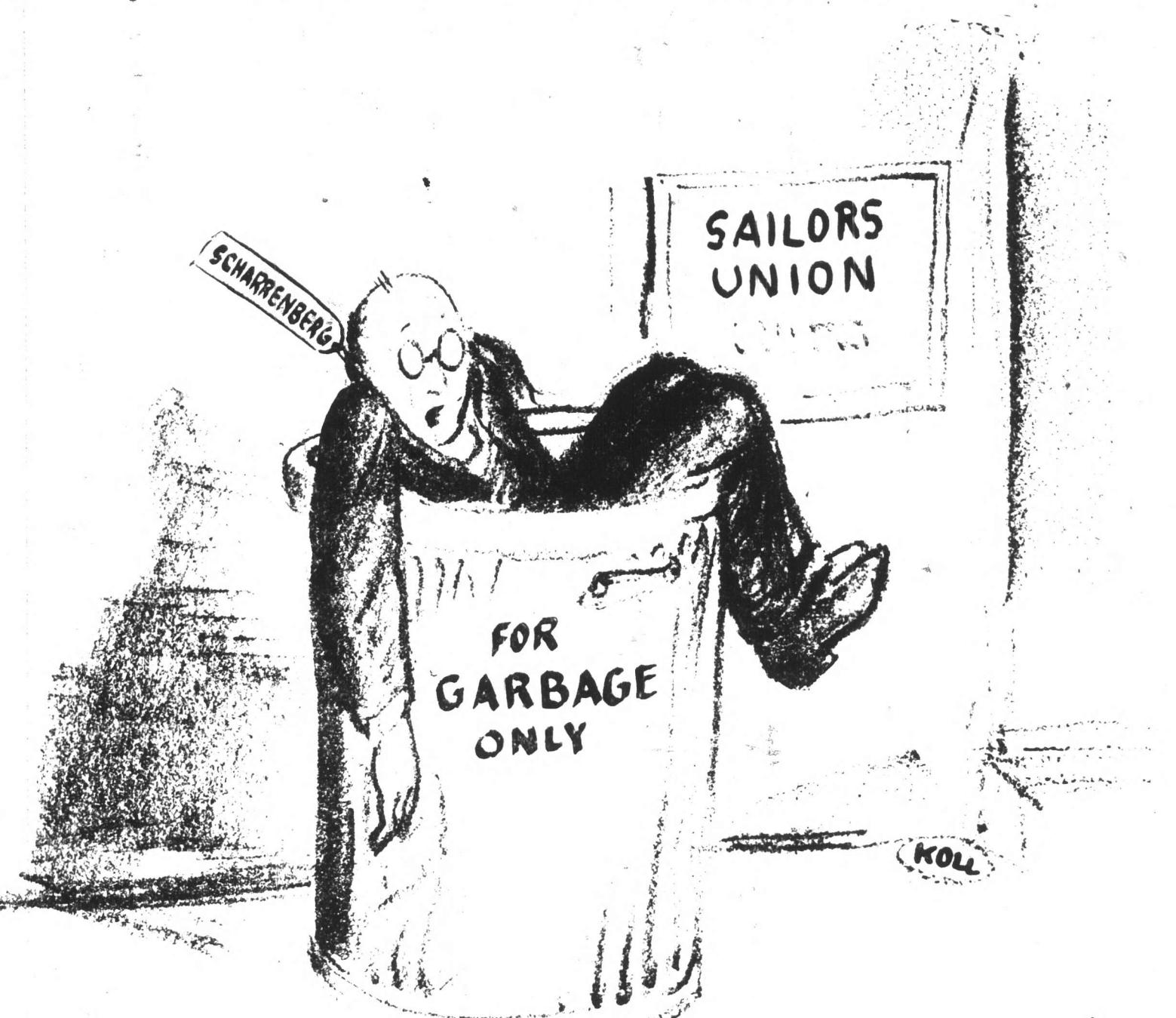
The class struggle is no child's play. Thousands have sacrificed their lives to it and thousands more have gone to jail undaunted. This struggle involves a serious responsibility. No one proposes that discipline is a pleasure. But members of the Communist Party submit themselves to it because they understand that without it no revolutionary struggle has the slightest chance of success.

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Let the Rest of the Fakers Follow



Soviet Pride of Ownership

Workers Feel the Land Belongs to Them

(This is the sixth of a series of articles exposing lies about the Soviet Union appearing in capitalist papers. It is written by a former Hearst reporter who has traveled extensively in the Soviet Union.)

By George H. Shoaf

One of the surprising developments in the Soviet Union is the equality with which the city workers and farm laborers grasp the sense of collective ownership and responsibility. These workers, indeed, never before in their lives knew what it was to own anything. Now, they own everything, and they know it. And, with that ownership, there comes to each and every one of them a laudable ambition to renew, rebuild, engage in new construction and extension, and to preserve and keep in perfect order the property which is theirs.

When one gazes in awe at the Empire State Building in New York City, he merely gazes at it as one of the achievements of private ownership and exploitation. He knows that not a nickel's worth of that building belongs to him. If anything happens to the building, such as a pane of glass breaking or the elevator service unexpectedly stopping, he would regard the matter with indifference. For all he cared, the whole building might collapse into ruins, and he would not lose an instant's sleep. As he regards the Empire State Building, so all citizens regard all privately owned and operated property in which they have no immediate interest.

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I OVERHEARD YOU

By the Eavesdropper

You were three Stanford University students riding down on the train from San Francisco to Palo Alto. Certainly not Communists. (Not yet, anyhow.) Well dressed, clean cut, you were the Saturday Evening Post conception of American Youth.

One of you unfolded a Sunday paper. "What section do you want? I don't care which I read first. It's all a lot of . . . any how."

"You ought to have better sense than to buy an Examiner," said another.

"It isn't the Examiner. It's the Chronicle," said the third.

"What's the difference," said the first. "One is just as bad as another."

"At home," said the second, "we take the L. A. Times. It's just as bad as Hearst. It rates down South about like the Chronicle. They're all the same, though. We only take it because we have no choice."

"When you come right down to it," said the third, "They're all controlled by the same interests. So what's the difference?"

Your conversation turned to national affairs, the New Deal, the end of the NRA, the possibilities of inflation, the relief situation. You recognized these issues as hypocritical fronts of the maneuvers of corrupt capitalist interests. You scored governor Merriam as a liar and a faker and regarded Roosevelt as a tool of the monied interests. All these things you seemed to take for granted with a sort of unconcerned cynicism. You viewed the debacle of the world through aloof, sophisticated eyes.

If you knew the train you were riding on was heading as surely for collision as the world you are living in, would you discuss the situation with such calm, unconcerned cynicism? Or would you get busy trying to do something about it?

OPEN FORUM

ANTI-FASCIST ON THE ALERT

Los Angeles, Calif.
Editor Western Worker:

A member of the American League Against War and Fascism sent us the following letter:

"One day I saw in my neighborhood market a girl demonstrating an electric mixer as a premium for an eight month subscription to the Examiner. I asked her whether she knew that she is committing herself as an instrument to bring Fascism to America. Naturally, that poor thing did not even know what Fascism is. Anyhow she knows now.

I went over to the manager of the market and voiced my protest: "as a resident in the neighborhood I know this place to sell food, not as a place to help the Examiner spread Fascism. My neighbors know this as a place to sell food, not fascism."

A few days later the clerk told me that the girl was not in the store the next day. Whether we shall have Fascism in this country depends on who will work faster—the Fascists or the anti-fascists."

American League Against War and Fascism
6363 Hollywood Blvd.

A RADIO LISTENER SPEAKS

Mr. Martin Luther Thomas
c. o. Radio Station KNX
Hollywood, Calif.

Sir: In your address over KNX on Sunday evening, June 2, you told of the horrible conditions of the working class in the U. S. The conditions that you related apply right here at home and not in the Soviet Union.

Were you talking for the benefit of the working class at home, or for the benefit of the class for which you are a paid lackey?

We know it is deplorable that the workers of the Soviet Union rose up and took possession of what belongs to them, and put the class which you represent to producing their own bread and butter.

In making such talks you should tell your radio listeners that they are made in the name of the class you represent, the 2 percent, the banking and corporation interests,—instead of the lowly Nazarenes, as you do.

Yours for a socialist society
A Worker for Communism.

The above letter was mailed to Mr. Luther by one of his listeners, with the request he read it at his next regular broadcast. Probably he won't. Ed.

CROOKED FINGERPRINTS?

June 3
Editor Western Worker:

I was interested in the communication from San Diego regarding the police dept.'s "expert" who, anxious to make a record in tracing a "criminal" fingerprint, finally discovered that it was his own fingerprint.

Detectives, capitalist newspaper representatives, writers of fiction, courts and millions of people generally regard the entire system of fingerprinting as absolutely infallible. I have seen the system's infallibility challenged.

While I was an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas (having been sent there with a large number of other L.A.W. members for striking during the war period) a young prisoner who had just been released wrote a communication to either the Kansas City "Star" or "Journal," in which he said fingerprints could be successfully changed by skilled secret-service operators to suit their purposes.

He had been employed in prison as a skilled aid to the U. S. Secret Service Officer there who did the fingerprinting; and he had, doubtless, many opportunities to study the system.

If the fingerprint system can be "worked," readers of the Western Worker will undoubtedly perceive the tremendous possibilities involved.

Police departments can frame any person they may desire to persecute. Employers will be able to blacken the reputation of striking employees.

H. K.
Long Beach.

YOUTH TO THE RED FRONT

Los Angeles, May 31.
Comrade Editor:

Since I saw what took place in the City Plaza on May 30th, and how enthusiastic the youths were that assembled there, I feel that something ought to be done immediately to draw in additional thousands into Youth movement. Therefore, could it not be possible for some comrade having knowledge of writing pamphlets, to write one that would be of special interest to the tens of thousands of these youths; many of whom do not even know or understand what the American Youth Congress represents.

The American Youth must be organized, and organized quickly before they are swallowed up by the fascists. This also applies to the CCC boys. All power from now on must be utilized to unite the entire American youth. The

TRAVELING WITH HEADQUARTERS

In The Field

By Sam Darcy

Notes on the Political Situation
In California.

Upton Sinclair, last week, wired his San Francisco representative to expel the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party from the Epic Ranks. The reason is that this body has joined and announced it will continue to join in United Front with the Communists. It is not clear what Mr. Sinclair will have left in San Francisco if he expels the Democratic Council. Excepting this body there are only a small group of eight or nine dignitaries left. So far the Democratic Council refuses to be expelled because the Constitution adopted on the last Epic convention (apparently forgotten by Upton) provides for a regular procedure which the dictator's order disregarded.

However, Mr. Sinclair is looking for allies on the Right. In San Francisco he (through local agents) is completing an alliance that will nominate for mayor Supervisor McShee. McShee, it is rumored, has just returned from Washington, with the blessings of President Roosevelt's Mr. Farley, who knows that Kosciusko is washed up. Nationally Mr. Sinclair still hopes that Roosevelt will take him in as a bona fide Democrat. With a third party movement threatening to split Mr. Roosevelt's vote in 1936 (bring in the danger of electing a Republican) Mr. Sinclair hopes that Roosevelt will be forced to make a bid for his support in order to prevent him from lining up with the third party movement.

Sinclair thinks that with Roosevelt support he can get elected, no matter what losses he sustains at present so far as the Epic movement is concerned. It is for that reason also that he has been the chief stumbling block in the efforts at a recall movement against Merriam. The official Epic recall candidate is Sheridan Downey. A recall movement now might result in Downey eclipsing Sinclair.

While Upton is playing all this unprincipled capitalist politics to promote his own career the masses of people who voted for him are becoming increasingly disgusted both with him as well as the worse conditions that obtain throughout the state. A movement for a United Labor Party is too slow, but nevertheless definitely gaining strength which might upset all of Sinclair's calculations. The Union Heel of Pasadena has too much contempt for the intelligence and awakening class consciousness of the working class.

A good deal depends on what your comrades can get your fellow workers, especially in the trade unions, to do.

The question is:

Shall we tie the working class to the tail of the political kite of some capitalist politician or shall we embark on independent working class political action? If the latter your organization should go on record for a Labor Party and inform us of that action.

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Of Personal Interest.

Comrade Bill Foster from Moscow sends his warmest greetings to all his comrades in the West . . . 121 Haight street, San Francisco, (Ruthenberg House) is reopening. This Workers' Center has been closed to workers' organizations since the terror of last July when the owners (Young Men's Hebrew Association) helped the fascists by evicting the Workers' School . . . Phil Spitalny, one of the orchestra leaders whose band consists entirely of pelehritudinous girls, is going to the U. S. S. R. this summer for an extended concert tour and will play before Soviet workers' cultural gatherings.

We would be glad to hear from anyone who succeeded in tuning in on a short wave set on the Soviet Union station at Khabarovsk; write us what you heard and at what time. We have a request for such advice.

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What It Takes.

Comrade C. (Berkeley) asks:

When you join the Communist Party, do you have to join an existing unit? What if no unit exists in my territory?

The answer is that you can get four others who see as you do and form a new unit. If you would rather work with a special group of people that you know would work better, recruit them into our Party and write us. We will be glad to send all the necessary supplies and information.

Bulgaria In War Pact With Nazis

LONDON, June 3—Reports have been published here that a secret war pact has been signed between the Bulgarian dictatorship and Germany. It is said that Goering, who has been visiting Bulgaria, promised airplanes and heavy artillery if Bulgaria would join the anti-Soviet front.

youth are to play the most important part in our struggle for a Soviet America. The revolutionary movement throughout the country must throw its entire strength in the field, and its main drive to mobilize the American Youth; there is no time to be wasted. War and fascism are upon us.

A column, or a part of a column should be set aside in the Western Worker pertaining to the youth, asking for suggestions and ideas from its readers and sympathizers, "how to best contact and organize the youth." The Young Communist League proves this, that they are the best fighters in the ranks of the working class; therefore we need a mass movement under the leadership of the Young Communist League.

Obviously, as the PWUL points out, this is an attempt by the Government to aid the meat packer to keep up meat prices for the packers by buying up surplus meats on the pretext of giving it to the unemployed, then failing to do so. Failure to give out this fresh meat forces relief clients to go into the cash market with their scant relief checks and buy occasional meat to supplement their indigestible canned beef allotments.

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